

Dec. 4, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- City Council Policy Session Meeting 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Please click <u>City Council Meetings</u> for meeting information.
- Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee Meeting 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. Please click on <u>City</u> <u>Council Meetings</u> for meeting information.
- Zoning and Adjustment Hearing 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. Please click on the <u>Notice</u> of <u>Public Meeting</u> link for meeting information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv and facebook.com/cityofphoenix.

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings

Past City Council meetings are posted on https://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

SUNBURST PARADISE PARK

In last year's budget, funding was allocated for a pilot program to facilitate community engagement activities through participatory budgeting within the Mayor and Council Offices. Projects are those that required no new operating costs and were in accordance with City policy. Councilwoman Williams donated a portion of allocation for additional playground equipment at Sunburst Paradise Park.

This week, City Manager Ed Zuercher, Deputy City Manager Inger Erickson, Acting Parks & Recreation Director Tracee Hall and Deputy Director for the Northwest Division Jan Sherwood joined Councilwoman Williams to commemorate the installation that was recently completed



CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

Mobile Van Testing

Saturday, Dec. 5

Devonshire Community Center 2802 E. Devonshire Ave., Phoenix 85016 Council District 6 7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Sunday, Dec. 6

Cholla Library 10050 N. Metro Pkwy E., Phoenix 85051

Council District 1

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Monday, Dec. 7

Ed Pastor Elementary School 2101 W. Alta Vista Road, Phoenix 85041 Council District 8 7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Fry's Food Store 8325 W. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85037 Council District 5

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Thursday, Dec. 10

Fry's Food Store 3511 W. Peoria Ave., Phoenix 85029 Council District 1

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Friday, Dec. 11

Longview School 1209 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85014 Council District 4

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com

For additional testing dates and locations, please visit **Phoenix Testing Blitz**.

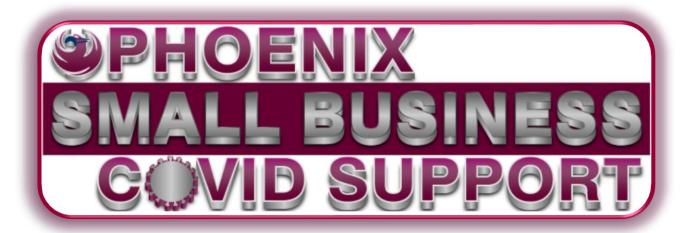


PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

We're in this together! Looking for help? Find information related to the COVID-19 pandemic at https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1561.

Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or e-mail contactus@phoenix.gov.

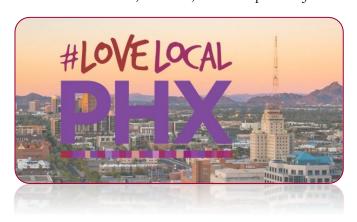
Phoenix small businesses needing help can call the Phoenix Community and Economic Development hotline at 602-262-5040.



The city of Phoenix is launching the #LoveLocalPHX campaign to encourage support for local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign includes a <u>website</u> with solutions, ideas and opportunities for local retailers to increase business while protecting the health and safety of their customers during the holiday season and beyond. The city is pairing this effort with a social media campaign encouraging residents to support local restaurants and small businesses using the hashtag #LoveLocalPHX.

The <u>website</u> contains links to applications for emergency permitting for dedicated sidewalk dining and other retail-sales opportunities now available to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on businesses.

Money spent in locally owned businesses results in \$43 of every \$100 spent being recirculated into the Greater Phoenix economy, according to a study for Local First Arizona. We all benefit when we support our local restaurants, retailers, and non-profits. Join the effort to promote the hashtag #LoveLocalPHX.



Attention **#PHX** businesses!

Visit http://Phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness to get an expedited temporary permit to create a safe, easy service for your customers, and find other shopping solutions, ideas and opportunities.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

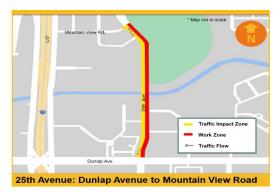
Northwest Extension Phase II Construction Update



The Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall.

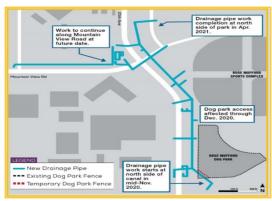
Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway by the project contractor, Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture (KMJV) and third-party utility companies, such as Salt River Project (SRP).

• 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road: KJMV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Fri., Jan. 29, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click here [t.e2ma.net] for more information.



- Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues: KMJV and SRP are performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Mon., May 31, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click here [t.e2ma.net] for more information.
- Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park: KMJV is replacing drainage infrastructure in and adjacent to Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park. The work will involve removing fencing on the southwest corner of the dog park. Temporary fencing will be placed, allowing continued use of the park during construction. In addition, available parking areas will change throughout the process. The Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park will remain open during this work. The work will be completed in late spring 2021. Click here [t.e2ma.net] for more information.





Visit <u>valleymetro.org/northwest2</u> [t.e2ma.net] to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

WATER SERVICES

Customer Service Reps Make Over 28,000 Calls to Help Customers During COVID-19

Customer service is often overlooked until it's needed. This year, the City of Phoenix City Services customer service was needed more than ever. Deborah Doss is the Treasury Collections Supervisor for Phoenix Water customer service and has been with the city for 16 years, 10 of those years have been with the Water Services Department.

The majority of Doss' career has been in collections, working for a private company before she started with the

city. She now leads a team of customer service representatives who work with customers to collect outstanding payment on their water, trash, and sewer (City Services) bill.

Prior to the ongoing pandemic, Doss, and her team of five customer service representatives' primary role was to collect payment on outstanding bills. When 2020 changed everything for everyone, Doss and her team transitioned to helping customers find financial relief through the CARES Act.

Customers are still encouraged to pay any amount possible towards their monthly bill, but with the CARES ACT, customers have options to help find some relief with outstanding payments. Doss' staff educates customers on the CARES Act and assists them with enrolling in payment plans, allowing customers to remain in good standing.

The CARES Act appropriated \$150 billion to state, local and Tribal government to alleviate the financial impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. The city of Phoenix received a small portion of this funding. The money allotted to the city was made available to customers – through residential and commercial assistance programs - to pay their City Services bill in hopes of relieving stress for city of Phoenix customers. Doss' team took the lead on calling customers with outstanding accounts, to inform them of the dollars available and instructions on how to apply.

"People repeatedly call in and say they lost their job; they don't know what's going to happen and I'm here to help them," Doss said. "Customers are crying and scared. They don't know how they're going to get by, and our team is there to offer hope. We don't like to rush the calls."

"The work our customer service representatives are doing is essential in assuring the public health benefits of our water systems and solid waste disposal. Without it, the good work of Water Services and Public Works couldn't get done," said Assistant Director, Holly Rosenthal of Phoenix Water.

Doss and her team's dedication to getting the word out about the financial relief led to them make over 28,601 calls from July - October 2020. Doss' 'How can I help the customer?' attitude has come a long way in helping city of Phoenix customers find hope in a time when things seem so uncertain.

It is important for the staff to reach as many people as they can. Having Spanish speaking staff available to assist the significant Latino population in Phoenix, went a long way to reach an audience that may not have been able to connect otherwise.

The work the customer service staff is doing is ongoing, as the effects of the pandemic still linger. Their essential work has been supported by the City of Phoenix and due to the nature of the work, teleworking was not an option for Doss and her staff. The City of Phoenix issued a city-wide mask mandate, installed plexiglass to help create physical distance for employees, and provided hand sanitizer and masks. Some of the employees were relocated to different facilities to give, at minimum, six feet of distance.

PHOENIX SKY HARBOR



XpresSpa Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: XSPA) ("XpresSpa" or the "Company"), a health and wellness company, today announced with the City of Phoenix Aviation Department for an XpresCheckTM COVID-19 testing facility at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

The Company is converting a closed urgent care medical clinic, located pre-security in Terminal 4, which is adjacent to the PHX Sky Train® corridor, to an XpresCheck Testing Facility. This facility will host six separate testing rooms with an anticipated capacity to administer over 400 tests per day. COVID-19 testing options will include a rapid molecular COVID-19 test, the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test, and the Blood Antibody Test. All three tests are similarly offered at XpresCheck locations in JFK International Airport, Newark Liberty International Airport, and Boston Logan International Airport.

"We are delighted to launch XpresCheck at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, which will be our fourth COVID-19 testing facility in the U.S., and to be commencing operations ahead of Thanksgiving, which has historically begun the busiest travel period of the year," said Doug Satzman, XpresSpa CEO. "The infrastructure we have built with XpresCheck is laying the groundwork for much more than coronavirus testing. We are

prepared to address second and third waves of the virus, in addition to any other easily transmittable virus in the future. While our current focus is providing convenient, reliable COVID-19 testing, our long-term goal is to become the leading brand in the rapidly emerging travel health and wellness category by helping people manage medical conditions during travel."

The City of Phoenix is also using Federal CARES Act funding, through the end of December, to supplement the cost of testing for Phoenix residents who do not have health insurance that covers the service. Residents can pre-book their appointments in advance or come in for a walk-up visit. XpresCheck will verify the patient's residency at the time of the test.

"A COVID-19 testing site in the airport terminal may give passengers peace of mind about their own health, fellow passengers and can help to boost travel," said Phoenix City Councilwoman Thelda Williams, chair, Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee. "Phoenix Sky Harbor is a gateway to Arizona and a major economic engine for the state; partnerships like this add another layer of health safety."

PHOENIX AVIATION

City of Phoenix Selects Chad Makovsky as Next Director of Aviation Services

Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher today announced that Chad Makovsky will be the next Director of Aviation Services for the city of Phoenix, concluding a competitive, nationwide hiring process. Aviation Services in Phoenix includes executive leadership of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX), Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT), and Phoenix Goodyear Airport (GYR).



Chad has served as Executive Vice President - Operations for

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport since March 2017. Prior to this, he was an Assistant Aviation Director for the Phoenix Aviation Department, responsible for oversight, leadership and planning of operations, safety, design and construction, and facilities at Phoenix Sky Harbor, Phoenix Deer Valley and Phoenix Goodyear airports. Chad has nearly 30 years of experience in the aviation industry, including leadership positions at Hollywood Burbank Airport and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, in addition to DFW and Phoenix. Chad holds a bachelor's degree in aviation operations and management from St. Cloud (MN) State University, and a Master of Business Administration from Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business.

"Chad brings remarkable airport leadership experience, combined with a deep understanding of Phoenix city government and the operations of our three airports. He represents a bright future for effective collaboration between the Aviation Department and the city's airports, employees, business partners, surrounding neighborhoods, and the larger community. Chad is the complete package, including his commitment to public service, business acumen and relationship-building talents," said Ed Zuercher, Phoenix City Manager.

"Chad is an accomplished leader with broad aviation experience who brings expertise in operations, strategic planning, capital improvement, business and economic development. He is a seasoned professional with an outstanding track record at Phoenix Sky Harbor; his return to the airport will seamlessly navigate us into the future," said Councilwoman Thelda Williams, chair, Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee.

"The Phoenix system of airports continues to be exceptionally well run as evidenced by the Wall Street Journal's recent recognition of Sky Harbor as best large airport in the U.S., and other recent awards. I am thrilled to be given the opportunity rejoin the Phoenix leadership team, and to again work alongside an extraordinarily dedicated team of industry professionals. I remain committed to ensuring the Phoenix system of airports provide world class services and amenities to our customers while reflecting the values of the community we serve," said Chad Makovsky.

Chad will assume the director role in Phoenix on March 29, 2021, after completing his commitments to DFW. Interim Director of Aviation Services Charlene Reynolds will continue to lead the Aviation Department until that time.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, America's Friendliest Airport®, has an annual economic impact of more than \$38 billion. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, approximately 1,200 aircraft and more than 120,000 passengers arrived at and departed from Sky Harbor every day. PHX Sky Harbor is funded with Airport revenue. No tax dollars are used to support the Airport.

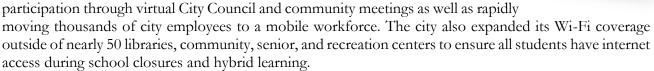
PHOENIX INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

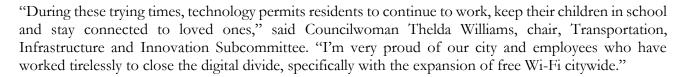
Phoenix Named a Top 10 Digital Cities Winner for Seventh Consecutive Year

The city of Phoenix has once again received national recognition as a Top 10 Digital Cities Survey winner among cities with populations of 500,000 or more. The 20th annual survey organized by The Center for Digital Government (CDG) recognizes cities for using technology to tackle social challenges, enhance services, strengthen cybersecurity and more.

This year's Digital Cities Survey also praises cities using technology to better serve citizens despite new challenges triggered by the pandemic. In fact,

Phoenix responded by quickly digitizing government





Phoenix's advance use of analytics, digital inclusion and Covid-19 response secured its fourth-place ranking, moving up a spot from last year. The 2020 submission showcased the digital enhancements of the Phoenix Police Public Records request process which offers 10 online options ranging from incident reports to crime statistics. Furthering financial transparency, The Phoenix Checkbook was relaunched this summer through the city's online Open Data Portal to help the public understand where the city spends its dollars. And earlier this year, Phoenix was awarded the 'What Works Cities – 2020 Silver Certification', the national standard of excellence for well-managed, data-driven local government.

"We have opened the door to a positive transparency shift in residents' access to city services. Technology is enabling greater access and our goal is to maintain the fidelity of community engagement from a digital standpoint," said City of Phoenix Chief Information Officer Matthew Arvay.

Phoenix is now focused on an initiative that will accelerate the digital transformation of the city's 311 CRM infrastructure. The platform will provide multiple channels for submitting service requests and comments and will improve digital service delivery without the need for in-person interaction.





PHOENIX EDUCATION

The city of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2021 Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman (OYMYW) of the Year awards.



The OYMYW of the Year program recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of young people, enhances the perception of youth, and raises community awareness of the positive contributions of youth. This awards program is open to any students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix or live within Phoenix city limits. Here's how it works:

- One young man and one young woman will be selected as winners from each city council district and receive an award of \$500.
- In addition, each district-level winner will be eligible for an additional \$1,500 award if they are selected as the citywide winners.

Students interested in applying will need to write an essay, submit a recommendation letter and proof of legal residence in the United States. Finalists will be interviewed by members of the community. District award winners will be invited to a luncheon sponsored by Rotary 100, Arizona Public Service, and Salt River Project where the citywide award winners will be announced.

Eligible students can apply through the online application form located at <u>phoenix.gov/education</u> before 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 2021.

PHOENIX POLICE

Phoenix Police Activities League (PAL) Helps Young Basketball Players Get a Shot at Club Teams and College



The Phoenix Police Activities League (PAL) is a police initiative offering sports and other activities to underserved youth in the community.

PAL Elite started in 2019 and is considered a top club program in the state. To date, 10 PAL Elite players have reached top 100 rankings in Arizona, eight received college offers, and three scored scholarships to local universities and colleges.

PAL Elite is made possible in large part by funding from the Phoenix Police Foundation and their partners like Thunderbird Charities, making sure these players go to camps and tournaments, and have uniforms to play in.

To read the article in its entirety and watch the video please click <u>here</u>. If you are interested in learning more about the Phoenix Police Activities League (PAL), <u>click here</u>. If you are interested in learning more about the Phoenix Police Foundation or to donate, <u>click here</u>.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Tournaments, Field Reservations in Phoenix Parks Canceled Effective Dec. 3

Following a vote during Wednesday's Phoenix City Council meeting, all athletic field reservations and tournaments at facilities managed by the city's Parks and Recreation Department will be canceled effective Dec. 3, and be paused until the COVID-19 community spread metric returns to the moderate level in Maricopa County.

Additionally, the following city park amenities will also close effective Dec. 3 and remain closed based on that same community spread metric criteria that is provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

- Ramadas
- Picnic tables
- Fitness equipment
- Basketball and volleyball courts
- Sports complexes



All other amenities in Phoenix's public parks will remain open, as will city hiking trails and golf courses. Community members using the city's outdoor recreational amenities should continue to follow these guidelines related to responsible physical distancing.

- Do not use public recreational amenities if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Bring your own wipes and hand sanitizer
- Keep a safe distance of six feet or more from others

Detailed information about the city's outdoor recreational options and free virtual recreation programs is available at Phoenix.gov/Parks.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY



Phoenix Earns Perfect Score on LGBTQ Inclusion for Eighth Year in a Row

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) announced this morning that the city of Phoenix earned a perfect score of 100 for its ongoing efforts to ensure equal treatment of members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community.

The HRC uses the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) score to examine how inclusive municipal laws, policies, and services are of LGBTQ people who live and work in each city. The MEI evaluates 506 cities nationwide for LGBTQ inclusion based on non-discrimination laws, the municipality as an employer, municipal services, law enforcement and the city leadership's public position on equality.

ADOT

I-17 Interchanges at Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak Roads completed

The Arizona Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the on-time opening of the I-17 interchanges at Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak roads. Traffic began flowing through all lanes of the interchange at Pinnacle Peak Road on Friday, Nov. 20, and at the Happy Valley interchange last week.

The contractor had some overnight restrictions this week at Happy Valley Road to perform some remaining work within the roadway, which were expected to be the final traffic restrictions for the project. ADOT thanks the community for its patience throughout construction.



Traffic Alerts - I-17 TI Reconstruction - Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak

Nightly lane restrictions planned on Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak roads beginning Sunday (Dec. 6)

Drivers who use Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak roads near Interstate 17 in north Phoenix should plan on overnight lane restrictions during the week of Dec. 6-11.

Happy Valley Road at Interstate 17

• East- and westbound Happy Valley Road will be restricted to one lane nightly between 23rd and 29th avenues from 10 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 6) until 5 a.m. Friday (Dec. 11).

Pinnacle Peak Road at Interstate 17

• East- and westbound Pinnacle Peak Road will be restricted to one lane nightly between 29th and 23rd avenues from 10 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 8) until 5 a.m. Friday (Dec. 11).

The southbound I-17 frontage road south of Pinnacle Peak Road will be reduced to one lane from 6 a.m. Monday (Dec. 7) until 6 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 8).

Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or go to <u>azdot.gov/contact [lnks.gd]</u> and select **Projects** from the drop-down menu.









The westbound Pima Freeway on-ramp at Seventh Avenue and off-ramp at 19th Avenue will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, until Feb. 3, 2021. The eastbound Pima Freeway on-ramp at 19th Avenue and off-ramp at Seventh Avenue will be closed from 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, until Feb. 10, 2021. The closures are needed to reconstruct the ramps to accommodate the new travel lanes on the freeway. Detours:

- **19th Ave. eastbound on-ramp:** Use the eastbound frontage road (Beardsley Rd.) to the Seventh Ave. on-ramp.
- **19th Ave. westbound off-ramp:** Exit at Seventh Ave. and use the westbound frontage road (Beardsley Rd.) to 19th Ave.
- **Seventh Ave. westbound on-ramp:** Use the westbound Frontage Road (Beardsley Rd.) to the 27th Ave. on-ramp.
- Seventh Ave. eastbound off-ramp: Exit at Seventh St. and use the westbound frontage road (Beardsley Rd.) to Seventh Ave.

Call 855-712-8530 for more project information or visit the project website here.



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Economic Development & Education

Youth and Education staff partnered with School Connect to provide up to 10,000 internet-enabled laptops to assist local schools in closing the technology gap. School Connect is leveraging a \$1 million dollar donation from a local faith-based organization with the recently approved \$2 million of Coronavirus Aide, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds to purchase devices to assist schools in achieving a 1:1 student-to-device ratio for grades K through 12. Staff developed an application process for school districts to report the number of laptops needed to close the technology gap. There have been 22 responses from the 29 Phoenix school districts contacted about the application process. Staff is working closely with School Connect to begin assigning and distributing laptops based on school districts most in need.

On Nov. 23, Aviation staff hosted a media event at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to announce new COVID-19 testing offered in Terminal 4 in partnership with XpresCheck. Visitors can find the XpresCheck facility before the security checkpoint, inside Drugs and More, the former US Careways medical clinic space. During the week of Nov. 16, Aviation staff fabricated and installed 30 new signs directing passengers toward the new rapid COVID-19 testing site.

As of Nov. 27, Aviation staff reported 44 percent of terminal businesses remained temporarily closed. Within the terminals, 56 percent of businesses were open.

On Nov. 17, Frontier Airlines announced three additional non-stop service routes to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport from California. Service will begin in Oakland on Feb. 5, and Ontario and Sacramento on March 11.

Construction on Phoenix Sky Train Stage 2 continues with roadway modification work along the closed west side of Copperhead Drive. Additionally, landscaping and gabion basket installation is ongoing around the area of the I-10 Freeway off-ramp into the airport at the Copperhead Drive/Buckeye Road intersection.

Social Services Delivery

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 171,000 customers, with approximately 1.6 million physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Over the last two weeks, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 1,094 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kid's Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are being provided, Monday through Saturday, during curbside pickup hours at select library branches.

Human Services staff from the Aeroterra Permanent Supportive Housing Program received a letter of gratitude from a resident who received rental assistance. In her letter, the resident said: "Thank you for the rental assistance during the COVID crisis. I've never lost my job and had to ask for help before. The stress is intense, and I sincerely thank you for helping me and my family."

During the week of Nov. 16, Human Services staff conducted 1,936 wellness checks and delivered 2,955 meals to 591 Senior Center members.

On Nov. 20, Housing staff hosted a St. Mary's Food Bank Mobile Pantry Distribution event at the Aeroterra Community Center. There were 157 residents in attendance, who received a food box with a variety of items which included apples, shredded cheese, eggs, potatoes, pork patties, bread and drinks.

Public Safety

On Nov. 21, a Police Recruit Written Exam was administered at the Police Regional Academy. Results were provided immediately following the exam and the 23 applicants that passed the Written Exam were invited to submit their AZPOST background packet. The next exam is scheduled for Dec. 4, with 100 applicants invited to take the exam so far. Police recruitment remains open for applicants to register for a written exam scheduled Dec. 19 as well as the ongoing online option.

On Dec. 2, Fire staff hosted a car seat fit and installation demonstration with staff from the Arizona Department of Child Safety. The demonstration provided an overview of the different types of car seats, proper fitting, and guidelines for proper use and installation of child safety restraints. Fire staff has found

through past car seat inspections that four of every five child car safety seats are installed incorrectly and one-third of children were found to be riding in the wrong restraints for their age and size.

Neighborhoods and Livability

Sustainability and Street Transportation staff attended C40 adaptation workshops related to heat action and water stewardship with 20 other global cities. During the event, Phoenix was recognized as having the largest cool pavement project in the world, with 45 miles of cool pavement, which is six times larger than a similar project in Los Angeles.

This year's 34th Annual Arizona Public Service (APS) Electric Light Parade, presented by Parks and Recreation staff, will be modified and presented as a televised and video streamed experience. Despite this temporary change due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will still include all the excitement and cherished traditions of the in-person event that attracts hundreds of thousands of spectators annually. On Dec. 6, ABC15 Arizona is scheduled to air a 60-minute special holiday presentation, which will include video from the 2019 parade along with new content and holiday messages from Phoenix City Council members, community leaders and organizations. The program will re-air on ABC Arizona on Christmas Day and will be broadcast on CW61 Arizona and PHXTV throughout the month of December.

Parks and Recreation staff has begun accepting applications for all aquatic positions in preparation for the 2021 pool season, assuming that COVID will allow a season. The Parks and Recreation webpage features a YouTube recruitment video and links to applications and information about lifeguard certification classes. Staff intends to hire over 500 lifeguards and over 100 other aquatic positions in order to be fully staffed for the pool season. To date, 173 returning aquatics staff have been recertified and 22 applicants have applied for an aquatic position. All seasonal employees, both new and returning, must complete an application to work for the 2021 season.

Infrastructure

On Nov. 10, Public Transit staff conducted Bus Rapid Transit virtual public meetings, with a Spanish-language meeting on Nov. 17. Staff also promoted the meetings on social media, newsletters, and via the PHXNewsroom page. Recordings of the meetings will be uploaded to the PHXTV YouTube channel.

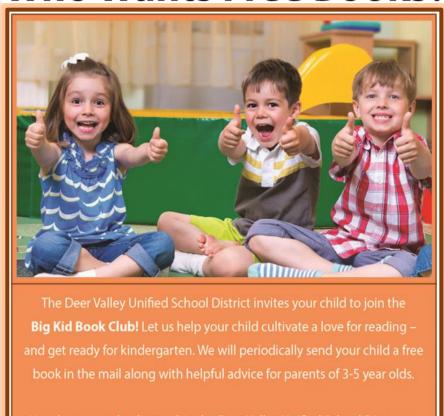
On Nov. 18, Street Transportation staff presented on the sustainable use of Recycled Asphalt Pavement at the 2020 Arizona Pavement Material Conference Webinar Series. This material is currently being researched, tested, and evaluated for the City's pavement maintenance program in partnership with Arizona State University, material suppliers and contractors. New technology allows staff to innovate performance testing and material mix design to ensure the cost effectiveness and sustainability of the pavement maintenance program. With associated savings of about 10%, more roads can be maintained, and sustainability benefits realized, such as reduced amount of virgin aggregates and asphalt mined, reduced amount of landfill space used and reduced energy consumption. Staff seeks to incorporate new RAP materials into the overlay program by 2022.

On. Nov. 4, paving season ended with the completion of Van Buren Street from 16th Street to 24th Street. In 2020, Street Transportation staff had the busiest paving season with 587 miles receiving pavement treatments, which is 130 more miles paved than in 2019. This represented 12% of the city's street network, with 74 miles of major streets and 108 miles of local streets paved. Additionally, 36 miles of streets received cool pavement seal and 52 miles of major streets and 232 miles of local streets received other pavement maintenance treatments such as fog seal, FAST, slurry seal, and micro seal. A total of 3,093 pedestrian ramps were upgraded. Paving season will resume in Spring 2021.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Who Wants Free Books?



You do not need to live within the Deer Valley Unified School District to participate. All children ages 3-5, who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten, are eligible to join the Big Kid Book Club.

Sign up now and start receiving your free books today!

www.DVUSD.org/BookClub

www.dvusd.org/kindergarten
www.facebook.com/dvusd



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

WESD Hiring Teachers, Plans Virtual Interviews

If you are looking to start a new career in 2021, then consider joining the Washington Elementary School District. We are looking for elementary, middle, special education and music teachers. We offer great benefits, such as student loan forgiveness, new teacher support and numerous professional development opportunities. Learn more at our upcoming virtual information sessions on Dec. 8 and 10 at 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will be conducting virtual interviews Dec. 14-17.

Register today at https://bit.ly/WESDjobs.





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FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

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MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com Also check out our website at www.minimightymutts.com Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or email info@operationcarefoodbank.org.



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